



## MIDD-WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD REPORT – February 10, 2014

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- ❖ **State Budget** – Governor Corbett’s budget is expected to increase funding for education around specific and targeted initiatives designed to make sure our students are *Ready to Learn*, *Ready to Grow*, and *Ready to Succeed*.
  - Current elements that will be maintained include:
    - Educator Effectiveness System
    - School Performance Profile
    - PA Core Standards & Keystone Exams
    - Standards-Aligned System
  - *Ready to Learn* Block Grant - Supports K – 12 Education
    - Early Childhood Education – Pre-K Counts & Early Intervention
    - Pre-kindergarten to grade 3 curriculum alignment
    - Ensuring that all students are reading and doing math on target by third grade
    - Extended learning opportunities for more customized student instruction
    - Training to support early literacy
    - Supplemental instruction in Biology, English Language Arts and Algebra I
    - Instructional coaches
    - Science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education
    - Implementation of the State Literacy Plan
  - Supports for Special Education through additional dollars
  - Supports for Hybrid Learning related to using technology to customize instruction
  - Scholarship money to support post-secondary education
- ❖ **Delays, Cancellations, and Dismissals** – You have a complete list of all school delays, dismissals, and cancellations in your packet this evening. Specifically, the make-up days for the three cancellations are:
  - January 3, 2014 – Makeup day, Friday, May 30, 2014
  - January 6, 2014 – Make-up day, Monday, June 2, 2014
  - February 4, 2014 – Make-up day, Tuesday, June 3, 2014
- ❖ **Family Literacy Nights** – The second round of family literacy nights are canceled due to low enrollment.
- ❖ **Professional Development** – A copy of the schedule for this Friday is included in your packet. Midd-West High School and Midd-West Middle School will be working on their school improvement plans, which includes work in data teams and departments. Elementary will be focusing on presentations from the literacy steering committee focus groups and grade-level meetings. Guidance will continue working on their guidance plan, and the nurses will be working on reviewing and updating their health manual.
- ❖ **Literacy Steering Committee** – Minutes from the February 6, 2014, meeting are included in your packet.
- ❖ **BLAST IU 17 Curriculum Leadership Team** – Christina Steinbacher-Reed will be bringing four others from the BLAST IU to visit us on February 21, 2014, to see writing workshop in action across our K – 5 program. The team will visit again on March 12, 2014, in order to observe our work with the Teachers College staff developer, Lindsay Barton.



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- ❖ **Literacy Professional Development** – The last three days of this year will be March 12, 13, and 14, 2014.
- ❖ **Technology**
  - Laptop Health Checks – We have been conducting mid-year laptop health checks to get a gauge on how the laptops are holding up under student use.
  - Cyber Safety presentation is scheduled for Midd-West Middle School on February 25, 2014. Mike Piecuch will be conducting this presentation for all middle school students beginning at 1:30 PM.
- ❖ **ELA Field Testing** – Midd-West Middle School – February 12, 2014, and Midd-West High School February 13, 2014.
- ❖ **PSSA Report** – I have included another report from PDE that is specific to PSSA results over the past three years. This report includes complete District scores in reading, mathematics, science and writing and shows our progress with academics District wide.
- ❖ **District Office Staff Meeting**
  - Communication
  - District office safety procedures
  - Work towards positive press
- ❖ **Presentation Topics** – Our presentation topic for February 24 is Mathematics.

Respectfully submitted,

*Daphne*